by blowing ammonia gas against them, and collecting the pre-solidified droplets in said aqueous ammonia solution.

10. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which said aqueous ammonia solution contains a surface active agent for foam generation.

11. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which there is a foam of 5 to 20 mm depth on said aqueous ammonia solution.

12. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which the aluminum oxide beads are dried at a temperature of 20 - 300°C for 1 to 24 hours.

13. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which there are several nozzles on the interior and the exterior of said annular nozzle plate.

14. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which said hydrosol droplets are blown from the interior of said annular nozzle plate by ammonia.

15. A process as set forth in claim 9 in which said beads are calcined for 2-12 hours at 500 to 700°C.

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

It appears that the Examiner's comments have been directed to the original claims rather than the amended claims 1-7 attached to the Examination report, which has been submitted. However, the claims have been fully revised, with new claim 9 being based on claim 2 of the amended set. As revised, applicants submit that the claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The preliminary examination procedure stated that claim 2 (now claim 9) is not anticipated by the prior art. Applicants submit that the same conclusion should be reached